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Kingston, Jamaica

June 23, 1976

Dear Minister:

[illegible] time you spent with me this morning, [illegible] will be able [illegible] significantly [illegible] areas of cooperation that you indicated.

[illegible] receipt of Secretary Kissinger's [illegible] before the House International Relations [illegible] June 17, 1976, and I have requested that [illegible] dealing with Jamaica which I think will be of [illegible] you.

Most sincerely,

[illegible]

Enclosure: Text of Secretary Kissinger's statement before the House International Relations Committee.

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[redacted] KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS
[redacted] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE,
[redacted], 1975

Mr. PASCHAYSKO (Representative from California):

Mr. Secretary, in a hearing before one of the subcommittees of this Committee earlier this week, it was alleged by a Mr. London -- who had just spent, he said, spent five weeks in Jamaica -- that there was a feeling down there -- and I seemed to share it -- that the American Government and perhaps the CIA -- was the way he put it -- was trying to destabilize the Manley Government.

A representative from your Department was present and very strongly denounced that allegation. I would like to have your comments on our relationship with Jamaica at the present time.

SECRETARY KISSINGER. The assumptions that are being made around the world about the ability of the United States to destabilize other governments are not in accord with my assessment of our capabilities.

With respect to Jamaica, I am not aware of -- and I would be aware if it were going on -- of any CIA activity or any other United States governmental activity designed to weaken the Manley Government.

I don't know whether there are any Jamaican exiles that may be doing things. I had a talk at the OAS with the Jamaican Foreign Minister and I asked him to produce any evidence of any kind of people, organizations, or bases in which Jamaicans were engaged and I understood him that if he could identify either a person or an organization, we would remove them from the Island.

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We are not engaged in such a campaign in Jamaica. We are not doing anything of this kind. It is an unfortunate situation in which I believe we are being [illegible] things that are indigenous to the Island.

[illegible], however, as a result of my talks with the Jamaican Foreign Minister, looking into the allegations he made in order to determine not whether the Government is doing it -- we know the Government is not doing it -- whether or there might be some campaign by some private [illegible] country. And these investigations we have [illegible].

I don't know who Mr. Sanders is, to tell you the truth.

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